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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2100**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ronald D. Thompson Attorney Docket No. MSFT115607
Application No.: 09/699,239 Group Art Unit: 2143
Filed: October 27, 2000 Examiner: Thomas J. Mauro, Jr.
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTED CACHING USING
MULTICAST REPLICATION

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE
AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

January 3, 2005

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	41	Minus	41	=	0	x	50	=	0.00
Independent Claims	2	Minus	3	=	0	x	200	=	0.00

Total Additional Fee 0.00

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B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated September 2, 2004, set to expire on December 2, 2004, be extended by one month to expire on Monday, January 3, 2005.

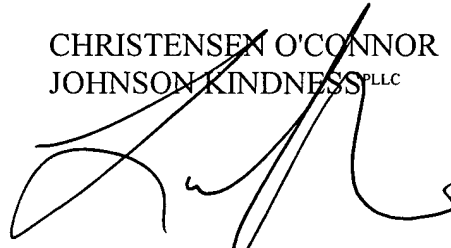
Enclosed is our Check No. 160542 in the amount of \$120 (one-month).

C. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service in a sealed envelope as first class mail with postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the below date.

Date: January 3, 2005

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